

Walking Adventures International



2009 Reunion!



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2009 ADVENTURE SCHEDULE

Offering more NEW destinations than ever!

We've watched with mounting excitement as your Survey responses have arrived over the past several weeks. After compiling the results and brainstorming over the best ways to help you accomplish your travel dreams, the WAI Team is ready to announce the NEW *2009 Adventure Schedule!* The enclosed list (see PAGE 4) represents an outline of the 2009 Schedule; the most current information on a particular Adventure is still available in the *2009 Adventure Survey* located on our website www.walkingadventures.com. As brochures become available, they will be posted online and mailed out upon request. Call (800.779.0353) or email (fun@walkingadventures.com) if you'd like to receive a brochure or if you haven't yet Early Birded to save yourself a spot!

2009 WAI 20TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION A Celebration of 20 Years Around the World with WAI!

September 17 – 22, 2009 * 6 Days * \$1450

Although preliminary research suggested Colorado as the location for our 20th Anniversary Reunion, further investigation revealed that accommodating a group as large as ours at the destinations we wanted to show you is really not practical. So, Dan holed up in his office with his maps and guide books and ended up scheduling a flight across the state line into New Mexico!

Up, Up, and Away in Albuquerque!

The venue for the 2009 WAI Reunion will now be Albuquerque, New Mexico! Dan and Scott spent a week in April mapping out an exciting new itinerary that includes walks in Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Tent Rocks National Monument, and

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Bandelier National Monument. A fun and educational list of activities such as Acoma Sky City Pueblo, Sandia Peak Tram, Tinkertown, Jemez State Monument, and an optional balloon flight in this hot air balloon capital of the world will connect us with the astonishingly diverse culture and history of this region. Early Spanish, Native American, Mexican, and Anglo-American influences form a fascinating and truly unique cultural tapestry unlike anything we've seen in North America.

Walked Enough Already?: A separate list of non-walking or light-walking activities will be available for our alumni friends whose 10 km walking days are behind them.

Space is limited, so now is the time to pre-register with a refundable Early Bird deposit! If you already have an Early Bird preregistration in place, your space is secure until 2 weeks after the brochure is published in mid-June.

Our 2004 reunion in San Antonio, Texas was chock-full of fun and included a guest list of almost 200 of your fellow walkers! Our 2009 reunion promises to be even bigger! Join your walking friends and WAI guides as we float up, up, and away next year in Albuquerque, New Mexico!

NOTE: *This event is limited to WAI alumni only. Each alumnus is welcome to bring one non-alumni guest.*

WAI 20TH ANNIVERSARY DANUBE RIVER CRUISE

More space on the ship!

**Early October * 12 Days with
3-Day Optional Extension *
Price TBA**

Another NEW 2009 Adventure set to follow the Reunion in Albuquerque is the 6-country Danube River Cruise!

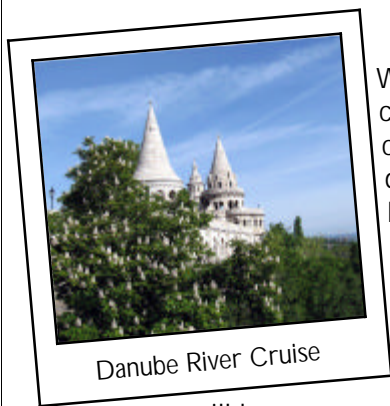
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Danube River Cruise

We were originally planning to charter a small Danube River cruiser that would accommodate about 75 travelers and had planned to depart for Europe directly from the Reunion. Two recent developments have now allowed us to restructure the Danube Cruise in a way we believe

will be more practical and allow us to share it with more travelers.

First, we will not depart directly from the 20th Anniversary Reunion. Synchronizing the USA Reunion with the ship schedules on the Danube AND linking these two events with a flight itinerary for a group of 80 people proved to be unrealistic. Instead, travelers will have about 10 days to return home, recharge their batteries, and enjoy the after-glow of Reunion happenings before joining us in Europe for the second part of the Reunion on the Danube.

Second, we are pleased to announce that we will be able to charter a second departure on the same Danube River cruiser immediately following the first, allowing approximately 140 walkers in all to join us for the cruise! We will have two departure dates for travelers to choose from. Itineraries will be the same – a delightful cruise through the six Eastern Europe countries of Romania, Bulgaria, Serbia, Hungary, Slovakia, and Austria.

NEWS FLASH: We are also working on IVV sanctions for walks in three of these countries that currently have no IVV walks; we may be able to offer sanctioned walks in all six countries!

At press time, Dan and Lee were on a plane bound for Bucharest to review the program and set up the walks. Watch for a report from them via your email, then check your mailbox in a couple of months for the WAI 20th Anniversary Danube River Cruise brochure!

NOTE: *The 2009 edition of this Adventure is open only to those attending the Albuquerque Reunion. We do hope to offer the cruise again in 2010 to all travelers!*

ANTARCTICA 2009-2010 Join WAI on our 7th Continent!

Seven has long been considered a "lucky" number in the Western World. Seven is a number our team at WAI never anticipated we would be talking about in terms of continents. But now we are doing more than talk about #7. We are

planning a trip to #7 - Antarctica, our 7th continent! Now we are inviting you to become a part of the WAI 7 Continent Club!

Though prices are high, we feel our approach to #7 offers the best value available and will ensure our travelers an incredible experience! One long-time WAI traveler compared his own trip to Antarctica with the life-changing experience of exploring Southern Africa with us. Remember, however, that a WAI Adventure is not a vacation in the traditional sense. Rather, a WAI Adventure is an opportunity to gain a completely new perspective on the world through person-to-person contact with locals, on-site exposure to paradigm-changing history, and cultural connections and scenic WOW's that broaden our understanding of humanity and Creation. From everything we have heard and read, Antarctica epitomizes these potentially life-altering characteristics and we are thrilled to be offering it to our travelers!

We've arrived at two alternatives for your polar-perusing pleasure! Whether both of these Antarctica Adventures will be on the final schedule depends on the level of registrations received between now and **June 15, 2008**. Because of high public interest in exploring Antarctica and the limited number of cruise ships sailing these waters, we must make our commitments to this program NOW!

Christmas in Antarctica December 9 - 19, 2009 * 11 Days * \$8950

We sail aboard the *M/V Polar Star* from Ushuaia, Argentina, at the tip of South America. To reach Antarctica, we ply the waters of the Drake Passage for two days. During this time, we'll be attending lecture programs and keeping a watch for bird, whale, and dolphin sightings.

Though cruise itineraries have not yet been published, the typical plan is to spend two days exploring the Antarctic Peninsula and two more days exploring the South Shetland Islands. We'll be sailing through fjords, bays, and passageways between a series of islands and the Peninsula looking for whales feeding in the plankton-rich waters, seals basking on ice flows, and busy penguin rookeries. Landings are planned at historic and wildlife sites such as Port Lockroy, Petermann Island, and Vernandsky. We'll also cruise by Zodiac through areas such as Neko Harbour and Paradise Bay.



Antarctica!



The combination of wildlife, spectacular ice formations, and dramatic historical accounts create a unique texture and vibrancy to this Adventure that can only be experienced in Antarctica.

Pricing on this trip is lower than our February 2010 departure since it is only 11 days and 10 nights. Prices include all services and activities while sailing, including all food, gratuities for the ship's crew, rental of boots for shore excursions, and an Expedition shell (jacket).

Exploring Antarctica
February 15 - 28, 2010 * 14 Days * \$11,490

This program also departs on the *M/V Polar Star* from Ushuaia. It is, however, a new program offered by our cruise line partner specifically with groups like ours in mind! This program is so new that the itinerary has not even been established yet! It will cover most if not all of the sites above, plus many not listed. The focus of this program will be on taking us to new places not often visited by other ships, and to places more conducive to hands-on exploration – disembarking at locations where we can do more walking and hiking and experience life on #7 up close. The program will also be more exploratory in its geographic range, passing below the Polar Circle, and will perhaps even offer a "first-ever" landing; our ship would be the first to land at a given point or on a given island! Though we cannot promise such an event, the ultimate objective of this sailing itinerary is to offer more time ashore, and to pursue the "off-the-beaten-track" travel philosophy of WAI.

How to lower the cost of exploring the 7th continent!
 Though prices are high, we feel our approach to #7 offers the best value available! In addition, we have some suggestions to help our travelers offset the high prices involved in journeying to Antarctica. Contact us to learn a few ways to maximize your travel dollar on our Antarctica Adventure!

IVV Walks on #7! Late-breaking information indicates that there may be a possibility to provide an IVV sanction for a walking event in Antarctica. We make no guarantees, but the likelihood is strong enough for us to notify you of this new possibility!

June 15, 2008 Deadline! We had difficulty obtaining space on this ship and must release any unclaimed space in just a couple weeks! For information on saving your space on this Adventure to Antarctica – our 7th continent, give us a call at 1.800.779.0353!

ALPINE EUROPE PANORAMAS 2010
Join us for the Oberammergau Passion Play!

Over 300 years ago the small Bavarian town of Oberammergau experienced a devastating plague. In their greatest hour of need, the townspeople pledged to God that if he would save them from the plague, they would honor him with a Passion Play, a depiction of the dramatic days leading to Jesus Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. The town was spared and they have been keeping their pledge ever since. Every ten years, they hold a series of Passion Plays throughout the late spring, summer, and fall. Our 2010 edition of *Alpine Europe Panoramas* is being revamped to include new walks and sightseeing in Austria, Germany, and Switzerland. The main event, however, is the world-famous Passion Play in Oberammergau! This event is so highly regarded that tickets are booked more than two years in advance! **Though we have requested space, in order to hold the space, we need firm commitments from travelers immediately! Early Bird deposits are not enough,** in this case, for us to hold your space. Contact us right away if you'd like us to save you a spot!

If you have any questions or would like more details on any of these topics, feel free to call us at 800.779.0353 or send us an email at fun@walkingadventures.com!

The WAI Team



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WINTER

Walking Vietnam & Cambodia – NEW!
Walking Costa Rica & Panama

SPRING

Walking Mexico's Copper Canyon – NEW!
Walking Italy – South – NEW!
Walking Greece & Turkey
Walking Japan & Korea
Walking the Southwest National Parks

SUMMER

Walking Brazil – NEW!
Walking Ireland
Walking Alaska – NEW!
Walking the AVA Convention – Texas – NEW!
Walking Southern Africa

FALL

WAI 20th Anniversary Reunion – NEW!
WAI 20th Anniversary Reunion Danube River Cruise – NEW!
Walking New England

WINTER

Walking Antarctica – NEW!

2010 ADVENTURES

WINTER

Walking Egypt – NEW!
Walking Antarctica – NEW!

SPRING

Walking Spain, Andorra, & France – NEW!

SUMMER

Walking Iceland
Walking Alpine Europe – NEW!

FALL

Walking Manitoba – Churchill Polar Bears – NEW!
Walking Alpine Europe – NEW!



WARNING: Most of these trips are already at least **half full** with travelers who have sent in Early Bird pre-registrations. If you'd like to save yourself a spot on any of these destinations, be sure to contact us with your \$50 Early Bird!

For more details on a particular Adventure, take a look at the *2009 Adventure Survey* online! If you have any questions, you can reach us at 800.779.0353 or fun@walkingadventures.com! Copies of the **2009 Adventure Schedule** will be available after June 15, so watch your mailboxes!

